

TO: Lonnie R. Robbins
Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Lori Sherwood, Cable Administrator

SUBJECT: Ellicott City Cable Resolution

DATE: June 13, 2008

I write to request that the County Council approve this resolution extending the time to enter into a secondary cable television franchise agreement with Ellicott City Cable for the communities of Taylor Village and Waverly Woods. The deadline for approval of the final franchise agreement falls during the Council's annual August recess.

Background

On May 5, 2008 the County Council passed Resolution No. 32-2008 that granted the secondary cable television franchise application received from Ellicott City Cable Company for Taylor Village and Waverly Woods. According to Section 14.408(e) of the Howard County Cable Television Systems Franchise Act, the County and Ellicott City Cable Company are required to agree on the terms of a franchise agreement within 90 calendar days from May 5, 2008 unless the period is extended by the County Council.

Fiscal Impact

There is no direct fiscal impact to the County associated with this resolution.

Recommendation

I recommend approval of the resolution to extend the deadline to complete negotiations of the franchise agreement between Howard County and Ellicott City Cable Company.

Next Steps

Upon the County Council's approval of the resolution, the County will continue negotiations with Ellicott City Cable to finalize secondary cable franchise agreements for the communities of Waverly Woods and Taylor Village.